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1. Toward the end of Dec 1953, there arrived in Tbilisi consignments of synthetic rubber. This came from new factories at Erfi, located south of Kuba (Azerbaijan). The synthetic rubber will be used to make automobile tires in the tire factory at Kodjory south of Tbilisi.

- 2. Since Oct 1953, oil prospecting has been yielding results in the area between Donskoi and Atbaser in the northern part of Kazakhstan. It is now established that there is oil in the region. Five drills are working and oil installations are being set up. Among the workers being brought in, for work in this new oil field, are deported individuals from Dagestan, Gurestan sign and Aserbaijan.
- Two new cotton factories have begun work. One is at Iskander, northeast of Tashkent. The other is at Chija (Tashija), northwest of Samarkand. These factories have been working at least since Aug 1953. Attached to these factories are plants for the extraction of oil (obviously cottonseed, though informant does not specifically so inform source) and the production of fertilizer (presumably cottonseed meal, a valuable, though acid, fertilizing material). Much importance is attached to these two factories. The workers even those who are deportees, are well treated.

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